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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 4th-November, through Sunday, 11th-November there were 220 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3C, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4W, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5R, 5T, 5V, 5W, 5Z, 6Y, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9Q, 9V, 9X, 9Y, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D4, D6, DL, DU, E4, E5/n, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FH, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J3, J5, J6, J7, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PY, PZ, S0, S5, S7, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T2, T5, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TL, TR, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK0M, VK9C, VK9X, VP2E, VP2M, VP2V, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XX9, YB, YI, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, Z6, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

3Y0I BOUVET DXPEDITION NEWS. It was announced that the The 3Y0I team has arrived in South Africa recently. They have been very busy with preparations for their DXpedition over the past couple of weeks. The team was invited by some local ZS DXers to the Royal Cape Yacht Club for a lunch party and some amazing hospitality. Several pictures can be viewed on

their Web page at: <https://bouvetoya.org/3yoi-team-in-cape-town>
No specific dates were announced yet. Look for more details and updates to be forthcoming. We suggest to watch the following Web pages:

<https://bouvetoya.org>
<https://www.rebeldxgroup.com>
<https://www.facebook.com/bouvetoya.org>
<https://twitter.com/Bouvetoyaorg>

5R, MADAGASCAR (Update to OPDX.1382). Operators Alex/K2BB and Paul/UU0JR will be active as 5R8UM (not 5R8R as requested) from Nosy Be Island (AF-057), Madagascar, between November 19-29th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. They will participate in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 24-25th) as a Multi-Single or possibly as Multi-2 entry (if they have enough ops...). They now have a Web page at: <https://5r8-2018.com>

5U, NIGER. Pierre, HB9AMO, will once again be active as 5U9AMO from Niger between November 20th and December 3rd. Activity will be holiday style on 160-10 meters CW using a Yaesu FT-991 w/100w into a Spiderbeam 404-UL multiband antenna (40-10m) and wire antennas for 60m, 80m and 160m. He will also be in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 24-25th) as Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power/Unassisted entry. QSL via M0URX or LoTW. Log will be uploaded to LoTW in February 2019. For more details, updates and a log search, visit Pierre's Web page at: <http://www.hb9amo.net/5u9amo.php>

5X, UGANDA. Members of the Italian Dxpedition Team will be active as 5X0T (on SSB/CW/RTTY) and 5X0X (on FT8 only) from Uganda between September 20th and October 6th, 2019. Look for more details to be forthcoming and also watch: <http://www.i2ysb.com/idt>

6V, SENEGAL. Operators Jacques/F6BEE will once again be active as 6W1RW from here but this time with Franck/F8CRH. Look for them to be in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 24-25th) as a Multi-2 entry signing as 6V7A. QSL via LoTW or via F6BEE. Also look for 6W1RW before the contest, as time permits.

7Q, MALAWI. Karl, DK2WV, will once again be active from here, but as 7Q7W from Lilongwe, Malawi, between November 13-28th. Activity will be on 40-6 meters using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via DK2WV.

A52BH BHUTAN CLOSED (Update/Dated November 6th). Martti, OH2BH, sent out the following from Thimphu, Bhutan [edited]:

A52BH CLOSED DOWN 00.00 UTC MONDAY -- What a wonderful time it was with people of Bhutan. There is no doubt that these people care and make their visitors feel welcome. When I opted to stay here for an additional five days after my CQWW fellow operators had left, I did not know what lay ahead. Now I know that visiting my last Asian country was a very rich experience. It was no wonder that the late Gus Browning, W4BPD, stayed here much longer than normal during those other years.

Radio wise, I set a quota of 1000 QSOs per day to reach the 5000 mark, which I did this morning at 19.00 UTC, with LA4LN being the last one. As the bands are closed for most of the daylight hours, this target gave me plenty of time to socialize with people; not only with locals, but also

with a group of 23 American youth from Colorado, who arrived here and lived with me at the Royal Thimphu College (RTC).

Openings to the U.S. were challenging, as every day was different from the others. On two days, I was able catch a good opening on 30M. Forty meters was the other band that helped me reach the U.S. The pileups were huge in those narrow windows with a multi-echo. Twenty meters was disappointing, as it did not open anywhere during my stay.

I will have the QSOs on ClubLog upon my return home. On my way, there will be another stop-over - in Bangkok - to meet Champ, E21EIC.

I would like to thank Zorro, JH1AJT, with the SEISA group for allowing me to use the A5A station and for sorting out those needed formalities, as entering Bhutan is not an everyday fiesta. Having Zorro's endorsement and support made my stay one to be remembered.

-- OH2BH

C6, BAHAMAS. Rich, N0HJZ, will once again be active as C6ARW from Grand Bahama Island (NA-080) between November 20-27th. Activity will be on 30/17/12 meters this time using CW, SSB and RTTY, with low power and wires/verticals. Operations will also include the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 24-25th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power/Assisted entry. QSL via his home callsign, direct (with sufficient postage) or by the Bureau.

D4, CAPE VERDE. Jose, CT1BOH, will be active as D41CV from the D4C contest station on Sao Vicente Island (AF-086) during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 24-25th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via LoTW, eQSL or IK2NCJ by the Bureau. DIRECT QSL to: MONTEVERDE CONTEST CLUB, 6963 Pregassona, Switzerland. For the latest information, check the D4C Web page at: <http://www.d4c.cc>

FG, GUADELOUPE. Bruno, F5CFX, will be active as FG/F5CFX from Guadeloupe (NA-102) between November 11-22nd. Activity will be holiday style on 40 and 20 meters using the Digital modes. QSL via his home callsign by the Bureau.

GREEN KEYS NIGHT. Jeff, WK6I, announces the following: The Greenkeys online group is happy to announce the first-ever "Green Keys Night" (GKN), to be held concurrent with "Straight Key Night" on January 1st, 2019, from 0000 to 2359 UTC. As with SKN, GKN is an event and not a contest.

"Greenkeys" is not a reference to eco-friendly operating - though members certainly are keen on equipment recycling - but rather is a group dedicated to the restoration and use of vintage mechanical teleprinters and related equipment. The term "greenkeys" itself refers to the color of the keys on Teletype machines.

Participants are encouraged to get on the air and simply make enjoyable, conversational RTTY QSOs. Operate on all authorized Amateur frequencies. Please follow established band plans and be mindful of SKN QSOs. RTTY modes only. Call "CQ GKN".

The use of mechanical teleprinters is preferred, or simply get on the air with the oldest equipment you can scrape together. Real heavy metal Teletypes to be sure, but if that isn't available: analog hardware modems, VT100 terminals, pre-Windows computers, etc. And vacuum tubes. ;) And maybe fire up that boatanchor rig that never gets enough air time.

Please no brag tapes/files. Please no pre-recorded messages. Have a real conversation by hand typing it keyboard to keyboard. If you are slow we'll

happily wait. (A CQ macro is okay but you would have better bragging rights if you hand typed that too.)

But even if you don't have any old equipment, do get on the air and have some fun QSOs the old fashioned way!

E-mail to let us know you participated. There are no points scored, but if you'd like to share with us your favorite or most interesting QSO (worked or heard), your log, and what equipment you operated with (including photos), please do.

Please note that there is a RTTY contest concurrent with GKN, the SARTG New Year RTTY Contest. The contest runs from 0800 to 1100 UTC. As long as you have your RTTY working why not join in the contest and then return to more GKN fun! (For info:)

The Greenkeys online group is an email list devoted to the discussion of older radio teletype (RTTY) gear including mechanical teleprinters (Teletype, Kleinschmidt, etc.), terminal units, paper tape, gears, cams, oil, and anything else related to TTY/RTTY. To join the group, visit

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For more information, E-mail . And please do forward this announcement to your local club or interest group.

IOTA NEWS.....

NA-004. (Update/Change on K6VVA/KL7 QRX'd) -- "After much serious deliberation of multiple factors, I have made a strategic decision to QRX my scheduled NA-004 activation until late Spring or early Summer 2019.

The sub-freezing temperatures during mostly dark hours now in this 70+ Degrees North Latitude Polar Bear part of KL7 are not friendly to outside antenna repairs in the event of unforeseen problems.

And since propagation from NA-004 this month will be mostly on 40m, I also believe too many Little Pistol IOTA Chaser QSOs would not happen without availability of 20m as the primary band to all Geo-Areas.

I am not looking forward to canceling all my plane flights, but believe this temporary QRX will benefit more of those who need NA-004 when the activation is rescheduled.

This is a (QRX) postponement, and NOT a cancellation !!!
73, Rick - K 6 V V A * The Locust"

OC-093. Operators Audie/DU1ZDR and Gazelle/DU1ZDQ will be active as DZ1A/DU2 from Basco Batanes, Batanes Islands, between November 19-20th. They suggest to listen for them on 7055 and 14260 kHz. QSL via their home callsign.

PLEASE NOTE: Since the Webmasters of the new have decided NOT to post or dedicate a Web page to announce upcoming IOTA operations, PLEASE send your IOTA operations information to the OPDX, and we will post it here in an upcoming bulletin.....

KP2, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS. Operator Jaime, WP3A, will be active as KP2B from St. Croix, Virgin Island, during the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 16-17th, 2019) as a Single-Op/Low-Power entry. QSL via EB7DX.

KP3, PUERTO RICO. Felipe, NP4Z, will be active as KP3Z from the Puerto

Rico Contest Club in Rio Piedras during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 24-25th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via N4AO.

NP2, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS. Yuriy, N2TTA, will once again be active as NP2P during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 24-25th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via LoTW.

MD, ISLE OF MAN. David, G3NKC, will be active as MD4K during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 24-25th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (20m) entry. QSL via G3NKC.

OP7, BELGIUM (Special Event). Special event station, OP7VA, is now active until November 30th. Activity is to commemorate World War I (WWI or WW1), also known as the First World War, or the Great War, and it was a global war originating in Europe that lasted between July 28th, 1914, and November 11th, 1918. Operations will be on 80-10 meters. QSL via ON7VA. See QRZ.com for more details.

PJ4, BONAIRE. Operators Jeff/KU8E and John/K4BAI will be active as PJ4/KU8E and PJ4/K4BAI from the "PJ4G Radio House" on Bonaire (SA-006, WLOTA LH-1279) between November 18-27th. Activity will include the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 24-25th) as a Multi-Single or possibly a two band entry signing as PJ4A. QSL PJ4A (also LoTW), PJ4/K4BAI and PJ4/KU8E via K4BAI. Check out the "PJ4G Radio House" at: <http://www.pj4g.com>
Also, look at: <http://ku8e.com/Radio/pj4a.php>

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (November 12-18th).....

Nov/12th AN	Nov/15th AN	Nov/17th AN
Nov/13th AN	Nov/16th AN	Nov/18th AN
Nov/14th AN		

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

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NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
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AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99
VRy DIS - Very Disturbed	Severe Storm	K=6-9	100-400

** REALTIME BAND CONDITIONS WEB SITE
is still down. Nothing to report.

Meanwhile, check out the following Web sites:

- * VOACAP predication Web page at: <http://www.voacap.com/hf>
- * DX.QSL.NET Propagation page: <https://dx.qsl.net/propagation>
- * A daily HF radio wave propagation forecast can be found at:
<https://www.facebook.com/thomasfranklingiellaw4hm>
- * SolarHam Web page: <http://www.solarham.net>

- * Radio Propagation/Space Weather/Sunspot Cycle Information at:
<http://sunspotwatch.com>
- * Also on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/@GiellaW4hm>

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX by Lothar, DL1SBF

4K6FO via DC9RI & (L)	HF1918RO via SP3POW	SB3W via SM3RAB (L)
4L6QL via RW6HS (d)	LX/PA3DUU via PA3DUU	SD6M via SA6BGR & (L)
4O9TTT via 4O9TTT (L)	OE100XCL via OE5AMR	SN100ID via SP8ZBX
4X/R1CC via DJ1ND	OF10A via OH1HS	SO100RON via SP3J & (L)
5H3MB via IK2GZU (O/L)	OK3C via OK2ZC	ST2KSS via ST2M (d)
8P9AE via DL7DF (O/L)	OK5E via OK1NE	TC80ATA via YM3KB (d)
CF3A via VE3AT	OL7P via OK1CRM	TM100BS via F5KOU
DA0FF via DL6FBL	ON1418END via ON4HRT (N)	TM18PGM via F4FCE
DL0HTW via DL1VJL	OP187MN via ON4DST	TM57GG via (F-B/d to F-11734)
E44WE via E44WE	OT32EUDXF via ON6CC & (L)	VP8NO via VP8NO (L/d)
EA5/ON1CDL via ON1CDL	OT4A via ON4AEK (L/e)	VP9/DK7LX via DK7LX
EA5/ON2FCB via ON2FCB	OV3T via OZ4XL (L)	Z61KR via 9A1R
EA8/DH2MS via DH2MS	PA1918PAX via PA5V	

(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (*-B) DX's- Bureau
(O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (L) LoTW only (N) No QSL needed
(I) No IRC (P) PayPal (NB) No Bureau

LOGS ONLINE AT CLUBLOG.ORG THIS WEEK.....
<https://clublog.org/logsearch/A52BH>

QSLs RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 5H3MB, A45XR, A61CK, ET3AA, KH8C, LY1G, OZ7AKT, PY5WW, RI1ANW, TN5R, TU5MH, V47JA, VP6D, XP3A and Z23MD

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 5Z4/LZ4NM and XR0YD

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 3C7A, 4O/LB9N, 5Z4/TA1HZ, 6Y2T, 7Q7GIA, 8J2016Y, 8N4KL, 9H3HZ, 9M6AAC, A5A, AL3/AA7CH, AM890TH, AT6MIT, AX4DXA, CF2RC, CK975LC, CN2HZ, CU3AU, E51LYC, EA6URA, EA6XQ, EA6ZS, EA8TJ, EA8URT, EA8YN, HK3W, HL4/JA8CJE/5, IS0QQA, JW8BCA, JW8DW, JW9DL, KH2KY, KL7/VE7ACN, LI9DFA, LM10HAM, LM80REX, LM90IARU, LU7YS, NL6/AA7CH, OY/LA9DL, P44X, S9BK, SB4Q, T88HZ, T88QR, TA1PB, TI0DX, UN5GM, UN7LZ, UP80NR, V51/TA1HZ, VI6NC, VI90IARU, VK2FAD, VK9NT, VK9PN, VK100WIQ, VO1BB, VO1HP, WH0B, XL3A, XZ1J, YB0/JA1DXA, YJ0VK, Z68HZ, ZF1DC and ZL4TY --- We would like to see more QSL Bureaus (AS/US/SA/AF.. etc) send in their info....

TM8, FRANCE (Special Event). Members of the "Radio Club of Nice" will be active as TM8AB from Nice (south France) between November 24th and December 12th. Activity is to celebrate the 95th anniversary of the first transatlantic QSO between Fred Schnell (1MO) and Leon Deloy (F8AB) on November 28th, 1923. Exact dates will be confirmed before the event on the Web site at: <http://radioclubdenice.org/tm8ab>

TT8, CHAD. The Italian Dxpedition Team is pleased to announce their next operation will be from Chad, in March 2019. Callsigns will be TT8RR on SSB/CW/RTTY and TT8XX on FT8 only. Operators mentioned are Alfeo/I1HJT, Franco/I1FQH, Paolo/IW1ARB, Silvano/I2YSB, Vinicio/IK2CIO, Angelo/IK2CKR, Marcello/IK2DIA, Stefano/IK2HKT and Mac/JA3USA. Look for more details to be forthcoming and also watch: <http://www.i2ysb.com/idx>

V2, ANTIGUA. Bud, AA3B, will once again be active as V26K from Antigua (NA-100) between November 19-26th. Activity will be mainly on CW. Bud will also be in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 24-26th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via LoTW or via AA3B, direct or by the Bureau. An OQRS will be available via ClubLog.

V4, ST. KITTS AND NEVIS. Andy, N2NT, will be active as V47T from the QTH of V47KP on St. Kitts (NA-104) during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 24-25th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. Andy will also be active as V47NT before the contest between November 16-22nd. QSL both callsigns via W2RQ direct or LoTW.

V6, MICRONESIA. Toru, JH0CJH, will active as V63YAP from Yap Island (OC-012) between November 13-18th. Activity will be on various HF bands (40-10 meters) using mainly CW with some SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW.

VE2, CANADA (Zone 2). Victor, VA2WA, will once again be active as VE2EKA from Sept-Iles in Zone 2 during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 24-25th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via LoTW.

VP6D DUCIE ISLAND DXPEDITION NEWS (Update from Papeete, Tahiti, dated November 7th). -- WOW, what an experience. We arrived Papeete late Tuesday after an uneventful (but long) 4 hour flight from Mangareva, French Polynesia.

The team is in good spirits, we've been receiving hundreds of e-mails sent by the DX community, thank you for the positive comments.

Of course, we were disappointed to leave Ducie early, but when you see the video of our island departure we think you'll agree it was the right decision. There is no harbor at Ducie, Braveheart used different landing and extraction points based on the winds, tide and the seas. Safety is always the primary concern, and while it was not raining, changing sea conditions presented the crew with challenges to remove the team and equipment without incident.

Our log management team in Europe have all but one log that contains 523 QSOs, we will send that file in the next day or so. Internet at our hotel is not robust enough to work the logs. Many of you have sent e-mail to our personal e-mail accounts and to the VP6D.com mailbox regarding busted calls and other log problems.. Those will be read and addressed beginning this weekend, it can not be done from Tahiti.

We will spend the next 2 days relaxing and repacking our bags before the long flights home.

Thanks for the the wonderful pileups, and thanks to the Braveheart crew that made this a safe and exciting DX-pedition for the team and the DX community.

73, Team Ducie 2018

All logs are now audited and on the server. Per their Web page, on November 11th, at 2200z, they made 112027 QSOs and 24969/Uniques. Mode QSOs: 58602/CW (52.31%), 24423/FT8 (21.8%), 2/PSK (0%), 8/PSK31 (.01%), 5685/RTTY (5.07%) and 23278/SSB (20.78%). Continent QSOs: 519/AF, 2/ANT, 17733/AS, 29778/EU, 59240/NA, 1378/OC and 3377/SA. The OQRS is now open at:

<https://www.vp6d.com/index.php/logsearch-oqrs>

For more details and updates, see the following URLs:

VP6D Web page: <https://www.vp6d.com>

VP6D FaceBook page: <https://www.facebook.com/VP6D-Ducie-2018-1470984209616170>

VP6D Twitter page : https://twitter.com/VP6D_2018

W2, UNITED STATES (USI Op). Mark, WA2DIY, reports, "As part of the US Islands Award program, W2MMD (Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club) will be qualifying Petty Island (NJ010), Camden County, NJ, on December 8th. Operations will began at 1330 UTC on 15m, 20m and 40m. Both CW and SSB stations will be operating until approximately 1730 UTC. Petty Island has never been activated, before, as part of this program. Mark will send us a band plan within the week with more details regarding frequency and mode."

YE, INDONESIA. The YE2A Team will be active during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 24-25th) as a Multi-? entry. QSL only LoTW. NO Bureau QSLs. Operators mentioned are Kei/YB0ARJ, Agus/YB1ALL, Yohanes/YB2DX, Dani/YB2TJV, Nur/YB2WA, Anton/YB5QZ, Indra/YD2XVT, and Han/YD1SDL/2.

YW4, VENEZUELA. Paolo, YV1DIG, will be active as YW4D during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 24-25th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (15m)/High-Power entry. QSL via LoTW or EA7JX. ADDED NOTE: Look for Paolo to be active on 160m two days before and the night after the contest.

ZA, ALBANIA. Rumen, LZ1MS, will be active as ZA/LZ1MS from Albania between November 23-27th. Activity will include the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 24-25th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (40m) entry. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau, LoTW or ClubLog. Direct QSLs go to: RUMEN GECHEV, Vitoshki Ezera Street, No.33, SOFIA 1434, Bulgaria.

ZF, CAYMAN ISLANDS. Dan, N6MJ, will once again be active as ZF1A from Grand Cayman Islands (NA-016) during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 24-25th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL ZF1A via LoTW or K6AM. Activity outside of the contest, Dan will sign as ZF2MJ on 160-10 meters including 30/17/12 meters. QSL via N6MJ or LoTW.

ZR2, SOUTH AFRICA. Uli, DM5EE, will be active as ZR2A from Port Elizabeth during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 24-25th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via LoTW. Activity outside of the contest he will be on 40-10 meters (possibly some 80m with a low G5RV).



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